nourishment and that the upper strata of our population are being drowned in luxury while the great masses of the people are kept below the line of bare existence and how they intend to remove this obvious structural flaw and injustice?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—The Government have had no occasion to look into the question but some such disparity is inevitable in the very nature of things in the present state of society. They do not at present intend to do anything to remove it.

Growth of trade.

37. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to show the rate of growth of our Foreign trade for each year of the last one decade?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—Government regret that statistics are not available.

Municipal tolls on boats.

38. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state with reference to a foregoing question regarding 'Unjustifiable Municipal Tolls', whether any Court of Law in Cochin has pronounced against the said Municipal exactions and if it has whether it was not unlawful for the Cochin Municipality to take coercive steps for realising the same?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The matter is sub-judice.

Trees tapped for sweet toddy.

39. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform:—

(a) the number of trees annually tapped for sweet toddy in the last 10 years; and

(b) what steps have been taken by the Government to encourage and develop jaggery making from sweet toddy in the State?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—

Year.	Cocoanut.	Sago.	Palmyra.	Total.
1098	7,490	7,991	5,919	21,400
1099	6,258	8,211	7,729	2,21,698
1100	6,193	7,687	8,480	22,360
1101	6,015	8,495	8,105	22,615
1102	6,520	11,731	12,133	30,384
1103	7,267	12,956	13,084	33,307

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